is not a fixed quantification, it is a policy approach dictated by and determined in the context of our security environment.

ISI Activities in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East

4152. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) agency is fomenting external violence in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East;

(b) if so, whether ISI is working through dissident groups with bases in Bangladesh;

(c) whether ISI agents in Bangladesh are encouraging, training and arming some of the militants of the United Liberation Front of Assam and other groups; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government are aware that Pakistan's ISI has been misusing the territory of Bangladesh for their anti-India activities. According to recently available information, the ULFA leadership maintains close touch with some officials of the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka.

Government has been regularly taking up security related issues with the Government of Bangladesh through diplomatic channels and institutional mechanisns that exist between the two countries. The Government of Bangladesh has stated that they will not allow the use of Bangladeshi territory for activities, which are prejudicial to the security interests of India.

International Consensus Against the Menace of Terrorism

4153. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are of the view that there is an urgent need to evolve an international consensus against the menace of terrorism which posed a great threat to democratic society;